

Board of Health Meeting  
April 18, 2019  
Minutes

Present: Members: M. McDowell, Chair, M. Rising, M. Evdokimoff  
J. Garreffi, Health Agent

M. McDowell called the meeting to order at 5:11 PM

Minutes were reviewed and approved from the March 21, 2019 meeting.

Agent Report

J. Garreffi received a complaint from a resident of Cider Mill Road. J. Garreffi stated the State air pollution bylaw addresses noise on the ground, in the air it is FAA. J. Garreffi forwarded the link to the resident regarding the information from DEP's noise ombudsman.

J. Garreffi forwarded PFAS information to the Board. He has received some inquiries about Hudson wells. The Dep fact sheet will be put on the Board of Health webpage. If anyone is concerned, they should have their well tested.

Review of well and septic regulations will be reviewed after the Health Agent submits comments.

MRC Updates: Stop the Bleed Training- medical personnel should be trainers.

Spring Fest- M. Evdokimoff would like to pursue more public education and would like to have a booth to provide public health information. M. Evdokimoff and M. Rising will have a booth.

M. Evdokimoff will contact the Stow Police Dept. to inquire about running an Active Shooter Training at Council on Aging.

Office Update

Stericycle contract to potentially offer disposal of full expired epi-pens. M. Evdokimoff would like to vote to offer the service to residents and approve the Stericycle contract. M. McDowell seconded all in favor. J. Garreffi will review the contract. After J. Garreffi reviewed the contract he would like clarification on the epinephrine and more information about the terms of the contract before signing. Contract states non-hazardous waste with PNU numbers. M. Evdokimoff would like to amend her decision to sign contract until more information. J. Garreffi would like a list of items they take.

6:15 PM Irene Congdon- DEP Regional Recycling Coordinator

Presentation for Curbside Trash Program- Stow and Bolton are the only two towns that have not gone through the process to review the idea of going curbside. Stow does not have curbside or drop off. All private haulers.

Bullet points from discussion:

- Waste Bans have been in effect since 1990. Residents are paying between \$ 35 -50 a month. -

- Dunstable signed on recently and residents are paying 300.00 a year. Flat rate per household. Not all residents participate. Does not come from tax base.

- Options -Town flat rate all voluntary

- 1 Cart- 2 kitchen bags a week. Encourages more recycling.

- Option- Tax Base can provide.

- Option-Bags can be bought- Recycling provided by Town
- Trash is exempt from 30B- no contract required, can interview haulers if good for Town.
- Administration costs- hire a company to handle billing.
- Updated Hauler Regulations- make strict to follow waste ban laws.
- Devens offers 24/7 bottle and can recycling.
- Lancaster offers open recycling.
- Would need a committee, too much for Town to handle alone.
- Can do a survey with Town Census. \*\*
- Grant- Sustainable Material Recovery Program-
- Small Scale- 500.00 to help with education
- Two years for Grant have two years to utilize it.
- Cart Grant- 20.00/per household for recycling carts- apply for it June deadline
- Irene recommends apply for smart program 30 per household, cart program 20 per household and smart scale is 500.00 for education.
- Best practices document has been followed by multiple towns.
- Website- Recyclesmart.org Marcia would like for Spring fest.
- Haulers must provide education to their clients.
- Grant three requirements-surveys for 2017 and 2018 easy no town program
- Buy recycled policy- TA sends an email to all departments for policy
- C. Colosi will check on policy template and memo for buy recycle policy done before June for Selectmen Board will look at next meeting.

Next BOH is scheduled for April 23, at 5:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Submitted, C. Colosi Office Admin